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USF St. Petersburg
USPS Council – General Meeting
January 25, 2006
10:00 a.m. – POY 234

Present: David Brodosi, Brandy Heinrich, Terri Johnson, Michael Mathon, Candace Pascual, Tanya Radabaugh, John Spicuglia, Pearl Tritter, Robert Vessenmeyer, Michael Williams.

Call to order: Chair Michael Williams called the meeting to order at 10:10.

Minutes: Brandy Heinrich read the minutes of the 11/16/05 meeting.

Old Business:

The proposed changes to the USPS Council bylaws and the proposed USPS Charter, which were distributed at the previous meeting and via e-mail, were discussed. Michael asked for input regarding the possible changes, and advised the group as to why the changes might be needed. There was discussion about the function of the USPS meetings, as well as the proposed Senate, and how the creation of a USPS Senate might benefit USPS employees as a group. There was further discussion of how USPS employees could impact the campus if the bylaws and function of the USPS Council did change or if they stayed relatively the same, and the impact of such changes on the USPS employees themselves. It was determined that more discussion would be needed before permanent changes would be made to the existing bylaws.

New Business:

- There is an open Secretary position on the USPS Council, and there was discussion of how that vacancy should be filled in a timely way.
- The SACS team visit to campus is scheduled for February 6th – 9th
- Parking fee update – Tampa campus will be raising parking fees this year, St. Petersburg campus will not be raising fees for AY '06-07. This may have a possible impact on the availability of parking on the Tampa campus.
- Pearl Tritter asked about the status of the science building. Michael relayed to the group that construction of the building has been placed on hold.
- Among the upcoming events on campus are Multicultural Affairs events throughout the month February and events celebrating Tampa campus's 50th Anniversary.
- Recent news stories and information provided at meetings gave insight regarding the economic impact that the USF university system as a whole has on the surrounding communities - \$3.2 billion dollars
- Updates from standing committees were given.
- Ongoing and recent security issues were discussed, such as e-mail and telephone scams, and how to handle those situations.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.